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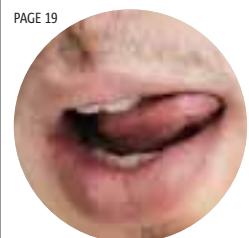
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Pol apologizes for threat to reporter

Sorry. New York Rep. Michael Grimm threatened to throw a NY1 reporter off a balcony.

A Staten Island congressman apologized for threatening an NY1 reporter with physical harm after the State of the Union address.

Rep. Michael Grimm called NY1 reporter Michael Scotto on Wednesday and said he "overreacted," the news organization reported.

The apology came after Scotto tried to ask Grimm about an ongoing federal investigation into his campaign fundraising following an interview about the president's address.

Grimm wouldn't let him finish the question during a live interview, then later threatened to throw the reporter off a balcony, according to footage from NY1.

"No, no, you're not man enough, you're not man enough. I'll break you in half. Like a boy," Grimm also said.

After calling Scotto, Grimm told reporters later Wednesday, "I was wrong, it shouldn't have happened ... I lost my cool."

"I think my constituents know that I'm extremely passionate about them," Grimm said. "They expect Michael Grimm to



Michael Grimm is currently serving his second term representing Staten Island. / GETTY IMAGES

Investigation

Grimm threatened the reporter for mentioning an investigation into his campaign finances.

- Grimm is the subject of a two-year federal investigation into alleged campaign finance violations during his 2010 congressional bid.
- Grimm has not been charged and denies any wrongdoing.

Quoted

"Unfortunately, when you are that type of person that has a lot of passion, your emotions can get the better of you. There's no excuse." Grimm

have their back, and that's what I'm known for."

"Unfortunately," the congressman said, "when you are that type of person that has a lot of passion, your emotions can get the better of you. There's no excuse."

Grimm said he had not been drinking alcohol before the interview.

In a statement after the incident, Grimm said he was "extremely annoyed" that Scotto asked an off-topic question, accusing the reporter of taking a "disrespectful and cheap shot."

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City streets



Driver flees cops after traffic stop, draws fire

A minor traffic infraction snowballed into a car chase, the discharging of police firearms and a long list of criminal charges for a Bronx driver who failed to yield to a pedestrian on Tuesday, police said.

Jason Henry, 39, was pulled over at around 5 p.m. by officers who were part of a routine pedestrian safety detail monitoring traffic at Morris Park Avenue and White Plains Road.

But as the cops approached his vehicle, Henry took off.

During the chase, Henry struck a parked car, drove up onto a sidewalk, elicited fire by driving directly at police officers and finally crashed into a telephone pole.

Henry was taken into police custody without further incident. One hundred Oxycodone pills were found inside the vehicle after his arrest, causing "criminal possession of narcotics" to be added to a list of 14 charges. EMILY JOHNSON

Two men dead in Manhattan fires



Both of the blazes happened early on Wednesday. / GETTY IMAGES

Two men are dead and a third person is critically injured after two separate fires broke out in the side-by-side neighborhoods of Harlem and East Harlem early on Wednesday, police said.

Firefighters responded around 12:40 a.m. to the first fire, which was blazing in a Taft Houses apartment

on Fifth Avenue in East Harlem. When they arrived, the firefighters found a 48-year-old man unconscious and unresponsive inside of the kitchen. He was later pronounced dead at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Later that morning, just after 6 a.m., another fire was reported in a third-floor apartment on Frederick Douglass

Boulevard in Harlem. Firefighters raced to the scene to extinguish the blaze.

Two people were taken to Harlem Hospital, one of them a 68-year-old man, who was pronounced dead. The other victim was listed in stable condition.

The fire marshal is investigating the cause of both fires. EMILY JOHNSON

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Murder. Man accused of killing two women for being 'witches'

A Queens man was arrested for beating his girlfriend and her 25-year-old daughter to death with a hammer because he thought they were casting spells on him, officials said Wednesday.

Carlos Amarillo, 44, is accused of murdering his girlfriend, Estrella Castaneda, 56, and her daughter Lina Castaneda in their bedrooms and calling 911 to report their deaths, according to Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

Prosecutors said Amarillo told the 911 operator shortly after midnight Wednesday,

"Two females are dead, they were assassinated, hurry they are dead. I killed them because they are witches, I want the police to kill me. I killed them with a hammer."

When police arrived, Lina Castaneda's 7-year-old daughter was in the apartment Amarillo shared with the victims, but she was unharmed.

Prosecutors said Amarillo said in statements to police that he believed both victims were "performing voodoo and casting spells on him."

Information on an attorney for Amarillo was not immediately available. **ANNA SANDERS**

Accused

"The defendant is accused of the violent beating death of his girlfriend and her daughter — who in fact was herself the mother of a young child." **Queens DA Richard Brown**

SUNY reopens bidding on Brooklyn hospital



Public Advocate Letitia James was one of the officials who wrote to SUNY. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Outrage. Elected officials fired back over SUNY's plan to sell LICH.

Just two days after Mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo presented a united front in hopes of solving the Brooklyn hospital crisis, SUNY has reopened bidding on Long Island College Hospital.

The bidding will be limited to seven developers who already submitted

Group statement

"As federal, state and city elected officials, we stand together against SUNY's latest attempt to turn LICH into a luxury condo deal."

Brooklyn officials

proposals last year, the last time the Cobble Hill hospital was on the chopping block for redevelopment.

Eligible suitors include NYU Langone Medical Center, which proposed a facility split between condominiums and health care, and the Brooklyn Hospital Center, which put forth a plan for an emergency room flanked by 1,000 apartments. The bidders have only until Feb. 3 to resubmit their proposals.

Elected officials from Brooklyn released a statement blaming SUNY's "failure" for LICH's state of affairs and demanding an open process. The group of eight officials included Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, state Sen. Daniel Squadron and Public Advocate Letitia James.

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Searching. Patient escapes from Queens psychiatric hospital

Police are looking for a man that they say escaped from a psychiatric hospital in Queens on Tuesday.

About 11:25 a.m., Raymond Morillo, 33, walked out of Creedmoor Psychiatric Center, located at 79-25 Winchester Blvd. in Queens Village, police said.

He was able to leave after trading clothes with a friend who visited with him.

Morillo left the hospital wearing a black baseball cap, white sweater and tan pants.

His friend was also able to leave the facility after the swap of clothes occurred.

Police have released a photo of Morillo.

He is described as being 5-foot-11 and weighing 215 pounds. He has a distinctive tear drop tattoo that is under his left eye. **LAURA SHIN**



Raymond Morillo / NYPD

On the lookout

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS. The public can also submit tips by:

- Logging on to the Crime Stoppers website
- Texting their tips to 274637(CRIMES) then entering TIPr77



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Under arrest

No hate crime in assault of gay journalist

A Queens man has been arrested for assaulting an openly gay journalist in Midtown this month, but investigators found no reason to classify it as a bias-related attack, police said.

Leighton Jennings, 24, has been charged with assault in the second degree after his Jan. 17 assault on Randy Gener.

Gener, 46, was walking on Seventh Avenue near West 54th Street at around 3 a.m. when he and Jennings began arguing, police said. Jennings punched Gener, causing the journalist to strike his head. Jennings fled the scene.

Gener was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital with severe head trauma. He is recovering from brain surgery.

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The shop offers a place for people with similar interests to play an array of games. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Your turn. The Brooklyn Strategist is a unique game center and social club in Cobble Hill.

On any given day, patrons of the Brooklyn Strategist may crush fantastical armies, master ancient gaming tactics or swap Scrabble tiles.

But at the Cobble Hill game store, cafe and social club, there is one limitation: "No computers in any way," store owner Jon Freeman, 48, said.

The goal of the community-based, hands-on game center is get people to "think, have fun in a healthy and spirited way," Freeman said.

"When you're playing a game with somebody, it literally forces you to be present," he explained.

If you go

The Brooklyn Strategist is located at 333 Court Street in Cobble Hill

- The store is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Monday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday.

Games



"When you're playing a game with somebody, it literally forces you to be present." Jon Freeman, The Brooklyn Strategist

Looking at the books

Spending at Queens Library prompts audit

After reports about the lavish spending of Queens Library President Thomas Galante, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer on Tuesday gave the library notice that he will audit its finances.

The New York Daily

News reported earlier this week that Galante spent \$140,000 last year to renovate his offices on the second floor of the Queens Central Library in Jamaica, which includes a private rooftop deck. Galante did this while eliminating 130 jobs over the past five years, the News reported.

Galante also earned a salary of \$391,594 last

- Cost:** \$10 for four hours to play any game in the library, varied price for clubs and other programs.
- More information** and an event calendar are at thebrooklynstrategist.com.

children, clubs for adults, "Magic: The Gathering" tournaments and "Warhammer" events. Customers can also have their pick of more than 400 games in the shop's library.

Freeman hopes classes for kids — and, really, the adult clubs, too — increase engagement, particularly for those children with learning disabilities. He said there are social and emotional benefits to playing games with other people.

The shop has a dedicated and growing following after just three years. Freeman said he's hoping to open a second location.

But that, like his favorite games in the shop, requires strategy.

"We have to make sure we can afford it first," he said.

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Costly renovations

\$140K

The amount that Thomas Galante spent to renovate his offices at Queens Central Library

year, up \$12,000 from the previous year.

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer on Tuesday called for an

oversight hearing on the Queens Library.

"Stories of private outdoor patios and questionable spending deserve great scrutiny, and they will get it," Van Bramer said. In a statement on its website, the Queens Library said the Merrick Boulevard building has been undergoing a \$20 million modernization.

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Democrats are trying to reinforce Obama's image, against low poll numbers.

President Barack Obama, on a road trip to highlight themes from his State of the Union speech that called for narrowing the gap between the rich and poor, urged Congress on Wednesday to raise the minimum wage for low-income Americans.

"If you work hard, you should be able to pay your rent, buy your groceries, look after your kids," Obama said at a Costco big-box store in this Washington suburb. "If you put in a hard day's work, you deserve decent pay for it."

Flanked by boxes of paper towels and garbage bags, Obama said that



President Obama greets a Costco bakery employee during a tour of the store before speaking in Lanham, Md. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"The increase in the minimum wage is a very powerful message. It resonates across the country."

Sen. Ed Markey

\$7.25 an hour.

Obama noted that many state governors have already taken steps to raise the minimum wage in their states.

"While Congress decides whether it's going to raise the minimum wage or not, people outside of Washington are not waiting, and I'm not either," he said.

As part of a symbolic trip the day after his annual State of the Union address, Obama headed for a U.S. Steel plant near Pittsburgh to raise momentum for a proposal to make it easier for Americans to put money away for retirement.

His travel has a political motive. He wants to help Democrats win seats in November's congressional elections by focusing on a popular theme that touches on the economy and income inequality.

REUTERS

in coming weeks he will sign an executive order raising to \$10.10 an hour the minimum wage for federal contract workers. But he said Congress must act to raise it for millions of other American workers. The current federal minimum wage is

Senate hearing

US attorney general confirms probe of Target

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder confirmed on Wednesday that the Justice Department was investigating the massive hacking of consumer data from retailer Target Corp. during the holiday shopping season.

Testifying at a U.S. Senate hearing, Holder said the department

would seek not only to find the perpetrators of the breach, but also "any individuals and groups who exploit that data via credit card fraud." REUTERS



TARGET STORES
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Cyber attack

Lawmakers want Neiman Marcus cybersecurity breach papers

U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday asked Neiman Marcus for information and documents related to the upscale retailer's recent cybersecurity breach that

affected customer's data. Democrats on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, in a letter to the company's chief executive, Karen Katz, said they are seeking more details so they can "fully understand ... how this theft of confidential customer information occurred" ahead of a Feb. 3 hearing. REUTERS

"What they said was that they priced everything appropriately given the data they have currently, in terms of medical cost utilization." Lekraj



Rare ice storm grips US South

Icy chaos gripped the U.S. South on Wednesday after a rare winter storm that killed at least six people, stranded children in their schools overnight and paralyzed travel in several states, including hundreds of flight cancellations at the world's busiest airport. The storm slammed a region largely unaccustomed to ice and snow — stretching from Texas through Georgia and into the Carolinas on Tuesday and early Wednesday. In Atlanta, motorists remained trapped in their cars on icy Interstates on Wednesday, some of them having spent as long as 18 hours on the road. Some 791 traffic accidents were reported in the city but there were no serious injuries. **REUTERS /GETTY IMAGES**

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New Knox verdict puts US credibility on trial

Leaker weakens.
Edward Snowden may have thrown a wrench into the Knox case.

Amanda Knox faces judgement day for the fourth time in six years Thursday, with a Florence court set to deliver its verdict on whether to uphold her conviction for the 2007 murder of British student Meredith Kercher. The American, 26, will hear the outcome remotely, having refused to attend the trial, and she has vowed to become a "fugitive" rather than return to Italy if convicted.

Should the court rule against Knox, she has options beyond life as a runaway. Italy's Supreme Court would have to approve the ruling before extradition proceedings could start, with no guarantee it would be pursued.

But if the case gets that far, legal experts believe Knox would be in trouble. "No standard appeal is available for an extradition," said Christopher L. Blakesley, professor of international law at University of Nevada in Las Vegas. "Her defense might try to argue that the second trial



Amanda Knox, right, acknowledges the cheers of supporters while her mother Edda Mellas comforts her after Knox's return to Seattle after being freed from an Italian prison in October 2011. / GETTY IMAGES

The Snowden engima

The United States' decision not to extradite could be a costly decision in a sensitive climate, believes Ku.

- "In general, the U.S. benefits from these treaties more than their partners, and the general policy is to cooperate

where possible. The [Edward] Snowden case could work against Knox – it just highlights that the U.S. needs these treaties, and it will be under pressure to comply."

- If the Florence court

rules against Knox, she could pursue a similar route to Snowden and seek asylum in a non-extraditable country. Even if it rules in her favor there may still be a price to pay, as Kercher's family could sue for the profits from her book.

Quoted

"It could become a political question, as she has so much popular support. If the U.S. does not care about its extradition treaty with Italy, it might decide not to turn her over." Ku

and appeals violated double jeopardy. This would be problematic as the U.S. understood the nature of the Italian criminal justice system when it entered into the treaty, assuming that it met due process standards."

Unless a clear flaw was shown in the Italian legal system, extradition proceedings could only stop at the State Department level, says Julian Ku, international law specialist at Hofstra University in New York. "It could become a political question as she has so much popular support. If the U.S. does not care about its extradition treaty with Italy, it might decide not to turn her over."

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Super Bowl

Facebook teams up with Fox

Facebook Inc. is collaborating with Fox Sports for Sunday's Super Bowl broadcast, the social network's latest move to increase its role as a hub for real-time conversations around sports and news events. Fox will integrate content from Facebook into its pre-game television programming, including public comments from Facebook and Instagram users about the football game as well as fan statistics based on collective data. **REUTERS**

Test scandal

Air Force sees 'systemic problems'

The Air Force is likely suffering from a "systemic problem" among the officers who oversee America's nuclear missile launch systems, the new head of the military branch said as an exam-cheating scandal widened.

"The need for perfection has created way too much stress and way too much fear about the future," Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James said. **REUTERS**

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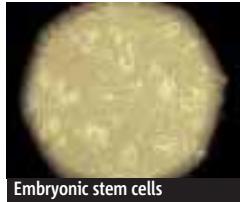
New. Breakthrough in embryonic-like stem cells may be the future

In experiments that could open a new era in stem cell biology, scientists have found a simple way to reprogram mature animal cells back into an embryonic-like state that allows them to generate many types of tissue.

The research suggests human cells could in the future be reprogrammed by the same technique, offering a simpler way to replace damaged cells or grow new organs for sick and injured people.

Chris Mason, chair of regenerative medicine bioprocessing at University College London, who was not involved in the work, said its approach in mice was "the most simple, lowest-cost and quickest method" to generate so-called pluripotent cells — able to develop into many different cell types — from mature cells.

The experiments, reported in two papers



Embryonic stem cells
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Quoted

"If it works in man, this could be the game-changer that ultimately makes a wide range of cell therapies available using the patient's own cells as starting material." Mason

in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday, involved scientists from the RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology in Japan and Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. **REUTERS**

Middle East

Israeli coalition wobbles as US peace proposal approaches

A pending U.S. framework proposal to propel stumbling Israeli-Palestinian peace talks forward chipped away on Wednesday at a troubled alliance between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and an ultranationalist ally in his governing coalition.

Adding to the fray was a warning by centrist Finance Minister Yair Lapid that any failure of U.S.-brokered peace talks could cause a "dramatic setback" in Israel's economy, citing boycott threats against Israel already heard in the West.

No date has been announced for Secretary of State John Kerry to unveil his blueprint for an Israeli-Palestinian deal.

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Pope Francis may already be a hero to the world's downtrodden but at least one pop artist thinks he's more than that. Move over Superman, it's time for Superpope. A large painting has appeared on a building near the Vatican showing the Argentine pope taking off into the air, his right fist clenched ahead of him in classic Superman style. His white cape and cross flutter in the breeze and in his left hand he carries a black briefcase bearing the word "valores," Spanish for values. A scarf bearing the blue and red colors of his favorite Argentine soccer club, San Lorenzo, emerges from the bag. In the style of the comic book hero, later a star of radio, television and film, Superman fought a "never-ending battle" for truth and justice. Francis has vowed to eliminate corruption in the Vatican and bring the 1.2 billion-member Catholic Church closer to the poor. The artwork, which has been pasted to the wall, is signed "Maupal 2014." REUTERS /GETTY IMAGES

The sword is mightier than the pen

Russian literary dispute ends in stabbing death

The lesson from a stabbing death in Russia: Alcohol and literature can be a lethal mix.

A former schoolteacher killed his friend after a drunken argument over which is superior, poetry or prose, investigators said. The suspect fled his home in the town of Irbit, where the 67-year-old victim was killed after the argument on Jan. 20, and hid at another friend's house in

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"The literary dispute soon grew into a banal conflict, on the basis of which the ... admirer of poetry killed his opponent with the help of a knife."

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a nearby village before he was found. The killing came four months after an argument over the theories of 18th century German philosopher Immanuel Kant ended in a man being shot. REUTERS

Kicking the habit

No smoking in China schools

China has banned smoking in schools, state media reported on Wednesday, the latest step in a government drive to kick the country's pervasive tobacco habit.

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Can someone please help these drunk cowgirls?

In yesterday's Word, writer Melinda Taub alerted you to the fact that Madonna and Miley Cyrus were going to team up for "Miley Cyrus: MTV Unplugged" — and they did! And they look like they need some assistance, no? Here are the two hot messes onstage looking like an acid-dipped Roy Rogers and Dale Evans on Tuesday night in Hollywood. The special premiered last night on MTV.

Dating tips from Michael B. Jordan

Michael B. Jordan doesn't quite prescribe to our Tinder dating culture. The "Fruitvale Station" actor believes it takes a bit of time to decide if you really belong to someone.

"When you first meet somebody, they put their best foot forward most of the time," he told reporters at a recent press conference for the new flick, "That Awkward Moment." "And as you get to know somebody through texts or phone conversations or dates or whatever, you can slowly let that person start to come out. And then you can just use your best judgment."

Right. "Hide the psycho." Check. He also told us that his deal breaker when it comes to romance is, "a girl that doesn't eat."

Fortunately, I am eating right now

as I'm writing this, and probably while you are reading it. And probably even after that. I guess what I'm trying to say is: I'm constantly eating. We are perfect for each other!



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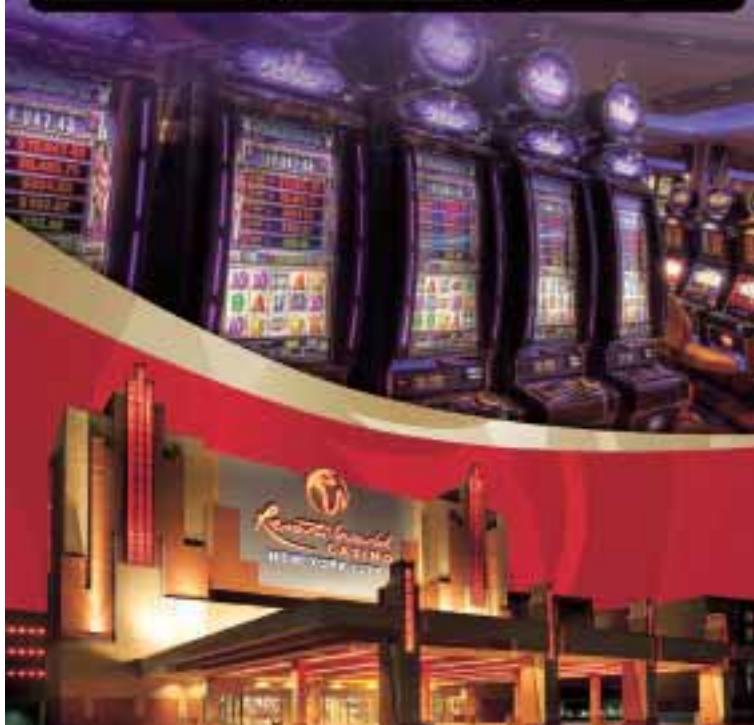
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New release

'That Awkward Moment'

1 Two of last year's bigger breakouts, Michael B. Jordan ("Fruitvale Station") and Miles Teller ("The Spectacular Now"), star in this Zac Efron-led rom-com about guys trying to stay single. Look, we've all got bills to pay.



Is Zac Efron, center, ashamed to be in "That Awkward Moment"? / FOCUS FEATURES

'Labor Day'

2 Kate Winslet plays an unstable single mom who finds herself forcibly housing a convict on the lam (Josh Brolin). Fortunately he's not one of those dangerous cons but one who fixes up the house, makes great pies and teaches her some sweet, sweet lovin'. Jason Reitman's fifth film is adapted from a novel by Joyce Maynard, aka J.D. Salinger's ex-girlfriend.

'Tim's Vermeer'

3 Though made by Penn and Teller, this doc features very little of the magicians. Instead, the focus is on one Tim Jenison, a millionaire inventor who tries to prove a theory about how Johannes Vermeer made his paintings by painstakingly recreating one.

4 Oscar-nominated shorts

Want to get a leg up on those Oscar pools? Or just watch some films? You can watch all 10 of the titles nominated in the short animated and live action

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Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.



categories, including Disney's retro "Get a Horse!" that was shown before "Frozen."

'Charlie Victor Romeo'

5 A controversial-sounding but fundamentally serious 1999 play — which recreates the final moments of crashed planes from inside the cockpit — gets a similar stripped-down screen version, whose splashiest effect is the use of 3-D to create increased intimacy between actors and audience.

'12 O'Clock Boys'

6 Invading "The Wire" territory, this documentary looks at a boy living in a dangerous part of Baltimore trying to join the titular gang of urban dirt-bike enthusiasts who cruise around the city at high speeds while eluding the police.

'At Middleton'

7 Vera Farmiga and Andy Garcia play a free spirit and a tight ass, respectively, who meet as they tour their kids around a college campus visit. Romance may or may not ensue. Talking definitely does.

'Ride Along'

8 Surely the Ice Cube circa "Straight Outta Compton" always imagined he'd be doing little else but playing cops. Here, the ex-N.W.A member decides to torture the diminutive, motormouth wannabe-officer (Kevin Hart) who wants to marry his sister.

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retires to the Manhattan apartment she's rehabbing and offers her services as a high-end prostitute.

Homosexuality is treated casually (when Abby refers to "my wife," no one bats an eye), but that's part of the sly commentary; as a lesbian, she's still treated as a mysterious other, as when a bi-curious neighbor (Siff, of "Sons of Anarchy") becomes a client.

Weigert is thrillingly anxious, coming into her own only when tending to clients. **MATT PRIGGE**

40-something hero Abby (Weigert, of "Deadwood"), who's in a stilted, sexless, suburban gay marriage with kids. After an accident, Abby makes a curious decision: By day she



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A new 'Echo.' Brandon Boyd still gets nervous when he puts something new into the world.

Brandon Boyd's artistic range extends beyond Incubus, the band that made him famous. He's written three books — his most recent work, "So the Echo," released in September, consists of art and writings from the past four years.

His latest non-Incubus venture is Sons of the Sea — a pop-leaning project with echoes of the Beach Boys. Even though he's a certified rock star, Sons of the Sea marks Boyd's second foray into putting out a debut album. He says he released a four-song EP last summer because of the music industry's changing nature. "I needed to put a foot in the pool before I jumped all the way in," he says.

And it's not just album formats that have changed since Incubus hit the scene: Promotional techniques are a whole new ballgame in



Fear not, Incubus fans, they're still together. / WIREIMAGE

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the age of social media. When the band were getting started, Boyd says he "would draw flyers, make Kinkos copies, go home and lick stamps" to get the word out about upcoming shows.

But despite its capricious landscape, Boyd says one thing hasn't changed about the industry: the nerves that come with releasing a new project.

"There's always this feeling of vulnerability," he says. "It's this thing where you're about to show your hand to the world."

Having been in the industry for nearly 20 years, Boyd's seen many reviews of his work — good and bad. But he's learned to not let the negative ones stop him.

"I've had to develop a little more of a resilience," he says.

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For a play with not one but two eruptions of violence, the overall effect of Conor McPherson's "The Night Alive," from the Atlantic Theater Company, is surprisingly muted.

In fact, it's downright bittersweet. This is both its strength and its weakness. It ambles along, offering a look into lower lives — luring you in, unassumingly, with the twisted appeal of its loser characters of varying degrees. You like this menagerie of underachievers — even care about them — but your emotional engagement is limited, despite the exquisite acting of the close-knit company.

Center stage is Tommy (Ciaran Hinds, pictured above), a 50-something almost as disheveled as the cluttered basement of his uncle's house where he lives. He scrapes by doing odd jobs, fends off his ex-wife, neglects his two kids and gets through the day with acceptance and even an approximation of contentment. Hinds hits all the right notes as the less-than-perfect anti-hero.

Tommy takes in Aimee

(Caoilfhionn Dunne), a sometimes prostitute, to hide from her abusive ex-boyfriend. Tommy's sidekick and co-worker Doc (Michael McElhatton) pops by regularly and often crashes for the night. Providing a steady stream of laughs, he makes Tommy look like Einstein. Jim Norton is Tommy's crotchety Uncle Maurice, and Brian Gleeson is chilling as Aimee's psychotic ex, Kenneth.

If "The Night Alive" is not quite compelling, it's hardly without appeal. Liberally laced with humor, its low-key ambience makes the sudden arrival of violence all the more jarring. The endearing shortcomings of this motley crew do mostly register — but not quite profoundly enough. The drama is just a little too casual for its own good.

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This is a big year for Peter Pilotto and Christopher De Vos. The London-based design duo behind Peter Pilotto won the 2014 British Fashion Council/Vogue Designer Fashion Fund award on Tuesday night, and on Feb. 9th their much-anticipated collaboration for Target will hit stores, introducing their signature, bold digital prints on sophisticated silhouettes to the masses. And we're not just talking malls in the Midwest. The line is so exciting, Target partnered with Net-a-Porter to make the collection available overseas for the first time.

It's also the first time the duo has dabbled in swimwear.

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Listen up

What do you hope to gain out of this collaboration?

De Vos: The American market is very important for us. To gain visibility in America is great. It's why we put a lot of energy into this collaboration. It's the first time a lot of people will hear about our brand so it was important to show something that is very signature.



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was so exciting for us to work in this category that we never did before," says Pilotto, who describes their aesthetic as "very vibrant, playful and energetic."

Those descriptors are perfect for a day at the beach, which seems to be the focus of the collection, or at least the party scene at Target headquarters, where appetizers were being served in colorful plastic seashells. There, Pilotto and De Vos told us about the first time they shopped at the big box retailer, plus just how to let go of our all-black habit and incorporate colorful patterns into our wardrobe.

How should people mix prints into their wardrobe?

Pilotto: Generally with our prints we always pay

attention that it's very flattering. A lot of pieces are also separates, so while it looks like a dress it's actually a skirt and a top that complement each other. But you can also wear [prints] broken up with solid colors. It's just important to be playful.

Have you guys ever been in a Target before?

Pilotto: Yeah, we've been once in L.A. and got flip-flops for the beach.

How would you like a women to dress for spring?

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It is not a coincidence that the word "intercourse" can refer to sex as well as interpersonal communication (look it up). You mention she "gets really uncomfortable," and it's "like" she doesn't trust that you are having fun. That sounds very nonverbal.

It's time to have a talk. While speech is certainly not required to communi-

cate every sexual desire, it could help provide a bit more clarity for you. Here are my talking tips:

Put her at ease

Be sure to explain to your girlfriend exactly why you enjoy going down on her. To reassure her that you're a bona fide Downtown Dining Enthusiast, here are sample phrases to kick-start the conversation: "I really love the way you taste because ____" or "I want to know if I am pleasing you because ____."

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skills, how can we be sure that she likes oral sex and just isn't cool with the way you're doing it? Don't worry, I know you're a champ, my little below-the-belt warrior. I'm just saying education is a lifelong process, and one should never stop learning.

Dig deeper

We all have egos, right? Exposing our genitals to our lovers can leave us feeling vulnerable. If you've been together for two years, that tells me you have staying power. To make this relationship even more enjoyable, plunge deeper into sexual intimacy. Talk about your needs and desires and explore sex together. It's the first step in going for gold at the clit Olympics.

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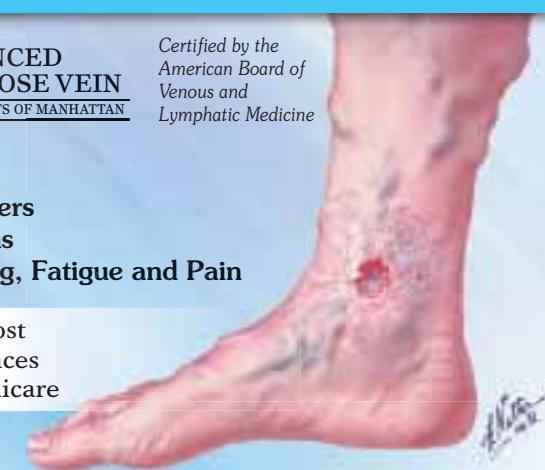
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Hot Chef. Eric Borgia is the executive chef at MetLife Stadium, which is hosting Sunday's big game.

For Super Bowl Sunday, Eric Borgia wants to cook like you do at home. The only difference? He has more than 80,000 fans at the table. In 2010 Borgia started as executive chef at MetLife Stadium, home of the New York Jets and New York Giants, and on Feb. 2 the stadium will house its first Super Bowl.

"A lot of the menu we created is based on what we believe people in this region would be eating in their own Super Bowl parties at home," says the chef, who is going on his 12th year working for Delaware North Companies Sportservice.

How does local fare show up on your menu?

Basically it's the flavors of the region. Things like our new hot corn beef hoagie — corn beef and pastrami — is a Manhattan staple, so we had to

incorporate that into our menu. [We're also including] things like the New Jersey boardwalks, with all the seafood. Things like Junior's Cheesecake. We figured out all these iconic flavors and brands of New York and New Jersey and wanted to incorporate them.

What's the most popular dish at the stadium?

We think that the hot corn beef hoagie is going to be very popular because all of the famous New York delis. We think that our Nonna's Meatballs are very popular and we think that the Fulton Seafood Combo — attributed to the Jersey Shore — will be popular, as well our tacos. A lot of the street food is where we think people will flock.

Are people ready to be challenged on their sport foods, or do they still ask for hot dogs?

Both! I think people are definitely interested in seeing all these food types that are available and hopefully [will] try one of the new items as well as the hot dogs later in the game. People still want a hot dog. You can have the guy who spends the most

'Perfect platform'

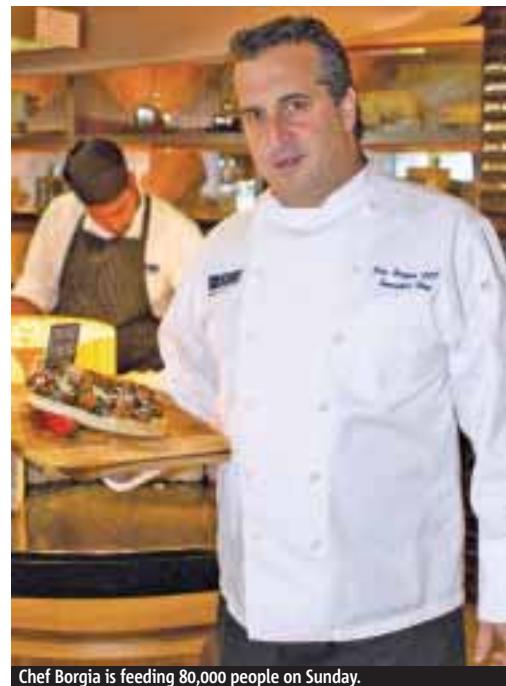
Did you alter your menu when you found out that Seattle and Denver are playing the Super Bowl? We bet they have some food traditions, too.

They do. Being that this is the first time the Super Bowl is being held in New York, we thought it was important for them to eat like a New Yorker that day and that's what we are doing. It's the perfect platform for us to showcase the flavors of New York City.

money on the ticket or the guy who spends the least on the ticket; chances are they both want a hot dog.

You're cooking for more than 80,000 people. How do you prepare?

We wrote some of these menus over a year ago, and now we are in full production. Things like the meatballs we have already made and cooked and frozen. Even though we [do] so much preparation now, there is still a majority of the items — like all our sandwiches, anything



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same kitchen. As we get closer to the event all these foods move up throughout the building. I mean, a 2.1 million-square-foot restaurant is what we have here.

What will your Super Bowl day look like?

To tell you the truth it's really about the day before. ... Our real work is done by that day and hopefully I get to watch a few plays.

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Tito's Unnecessary Roughness

2 oz. Tito's Vodka
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.75 oz. lime juice

Directions: Shake with ice, strain into rocks glass and garnish with lime wedge and jalapeno pepper slice.

Ketel One Orange Crush Offense (for Broncos fans)

1.5 oz. Ketel One Orange
3 oz. club soda
3 orange wedges

Directions: Build in a Collins glass over ice, squeezing the orange wedges before adding. Stir. Garnish with an orange slice.



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The Green Machine (for Seahawks fans)

1.5 oz. of 1800 Tequila
1 oz. lime juice
Fresh mint leaves
Lime
Soda water

Directions: Combine 1800 Tequila and lime juice in shaker, muddle mint and lime wedge. Shake well and serve on the rocks, top with soda water. Garnish with cucumber and lime wedge.

SPORTS
Kickoff in Brooklyn: Victor Ortiz vs. Luis Collazo

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Barclays Center,
620 Atlantic Ave.,
Prospect Heights
\$31.50-\$126, 917-618-6100
www.barclayscenter.com

Kickoff your Super Bowl weekend with these hard hitters, as former boxing World Champion "Vicious" Victor Ortiz takes on Brooklyn's own World Champion Luis Collazo. It's not football, but it's much faster-paced, harder-hitting and no one has to stand outside in the cold to see it.

MUSIC
Kim Gordon and Jutta Koether

Feb. 2, 4 p.m.
MoMA PS1,
22-25 Jackson Ave.,
Long Island City
\$18-\$20, 718-784-2084
www.momaps1.org

It's the closing of PS1's Mike Kelley exhibition and there couldn't be a more appropriate way to end it than with a performance from Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon and collaborator Jutta Koether. Kelley provided the artwork for Sonic Youth's breakthrough album "Dirty," and the two have remained friends since. While it's unlikely we'll hear any Sonic Youth tracks, we're sure the audio/visuals will be outstanding.

VALENTINE'S DAY
Speed Dating Game Night

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Franklin Park,
618 St. Johns Pl., Crown Heights
\$15, 718-975-0196
www.pogevents.com
You got game? Valentine's Day is coming and no one likes to be alone for the famed February holiday, which not only marks the release of the new "House of Cards" season, but also sells more cards, flowers and chocolate than almost any other holiday. Check out Franklin Park for a game where you're not only competing for love but also in rounds of Pictionary, Taboo and Charades. Who knows, maybe you'll end up in a game

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Destiny's Child won't be performing, sadly, but let's take a second to reminisce about Kelly Rowland's hair in 2001. / GETTY IMAGES

SO INTO THE '90s: A Fanatic Variety Show

Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Upright Citizens Brigade Theater East, 153 E. Third St.; \$5, 212-366-9231; www.east.ucbtheatre.com
The '90s were a special time — a strange decade that gave us Vanilla Ice, Beavis and Butt-head, beepers, grunge, Destiny's Child, The Phantom Menace, PlayStation, a Major League Baseball strike that canceled the World Series in 1994 and John Rocker. Hosted by Damian Bellino and Anne Rodeman, the evening will feature comedians Amanda Duarte, Naomi Ekperigin and others going off about just how into the '90s they really are. We suspect someone will be wearing a pair of JNCOs and expect at least one Tamagotchi sighting.

FOOD + DRINK
Celebrate the Lunar New Year with LUCKYRICE & Bombay Sapphire East

Feb. 4, 6 p.m., China Blue, 135 Watts St.; \$88, 212-431-0111; www.luckyrice.com
New York's fifth annual LUCKYRICE Festival kicks off with a feast at China Blue in true 1930s Shanghai style. Celebrate the Lunar New Year with fine dining, as renowned chefs and mixologists come together to create the perfect Asian cocktail and culinary experience. There will also be festive Shanghai-electric pop music, dragon dances, spikers, a DIY station for guests to create their own Bombay Sapphire East Asian-inspired cocktails and more.

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A screening of Suzanne Wasserman's documentary about the rise, fall and recent revival of the art of butchery. Following the screening will be a discussion with Wasserman, Joshua Applestone (butcher and founder of Fleisher's Grassfed and Organic Meats) and Bill the Butcher ("Gangs of New York"), moderated by New York Times dining and wine section reporter Julia Moskin. You don't actually think Bill the Butcher is going to be there right? He's not, he's been dead for years.

Translating Kafka: A Panel Discussion with Susan Bernofsky, Jay Cantor, Glenn Kurtz and Peter Mendelsund

Friday, 6:30 p.m.
Deutsches Haus at NYU,
42 Washington Mews
Free, 212-998-8660
www.deutschehaus.as.nyu.edu

Franz Kafka, most famous for "The Metamorphosis," may be one of the most difficult writers to grasp for many reasons — many of his works were printed after his death, incomplete with sections missing, and many he never wanted released at all. Join in the conversation as this panel takes a look at Kafka and his works through a variety of different formats: in English translation, graphic artwork and fiction. If you wake up like Gregor Samsa the next morning, looking like a bug, then maybe you grasp these stories a little too well.

FOOD + DRINK
Masonic Mysteries and Secret Societies: An Atlas Obscura Cocktail Gala

Friday, 7 p.m.
Grand Masonic Lodge,
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Horoscope

~~ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. You may feel depressed today if you allow unpleasant memories to keep you brooding. Don't place limitations upon yourself.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. You can earn some extra money if you make intelligent use of your creative talents. Explore the possibility of a small business venture.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You stand to make significant gains through a female contact. Traveling for business will be fruitful. Be ready to help children.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Estrangement from your lover is a strong possibility. Avoid involvement in secret affairs that may damage your reputation. Read personal papers carefully.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your ability to communicate with charm will help you attract the partner of your choice. This is a good time to make contracts.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. A romance can develop through work-related functions or business trips. Be wary, as this connection may damage your reputation.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Socializing and travel should be on your agenda. You will make a great impression if you turn on the charm and reveal your outgoing nature.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Real estate will turn out to be lucrative. You can make changes to your home. Investigate an issue that may be causing anxiety in an older relative.

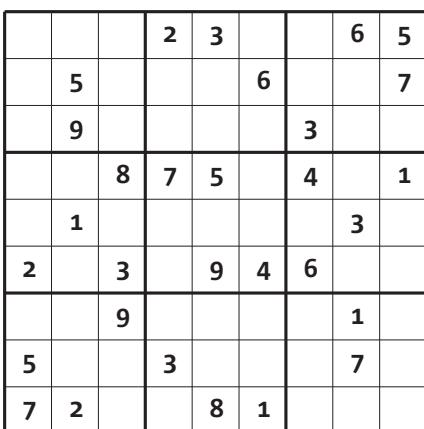
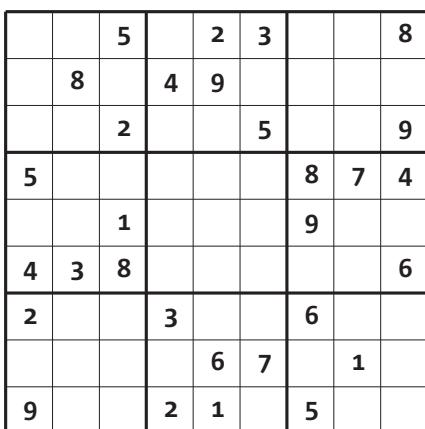
♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Catch up on email today. Discuss any personal problems that are bothering you with your relatives.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Professional advancement is on the horizon. Your ability to finish work on time will set a good example, and you will receive recognition.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. It's a good time to ask for favors. You should join a group with a humanitarian cause. Your reputation will grow based on the company you keep.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Put some extra time into beautifying your home. Investments can be lucrative. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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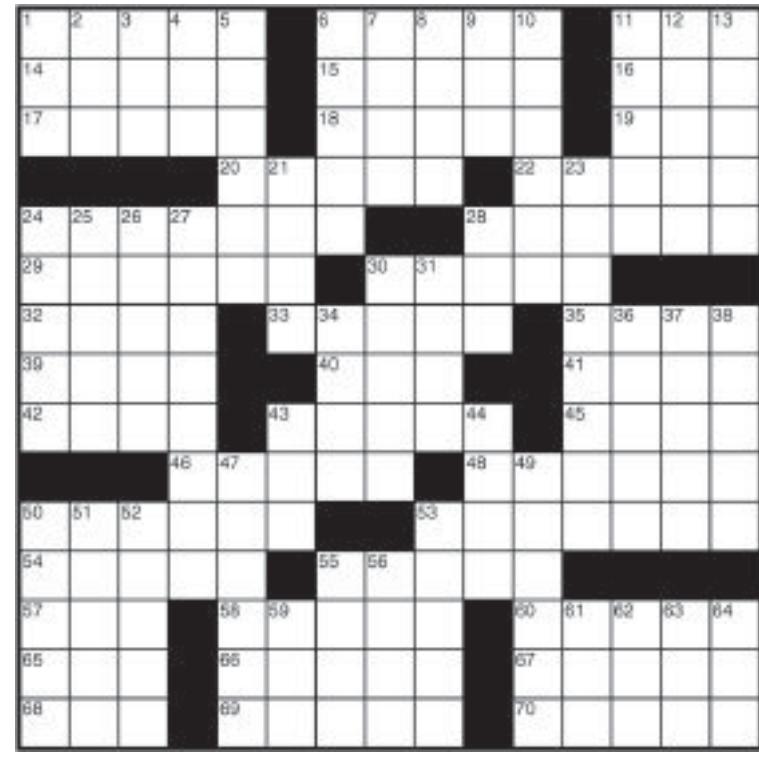
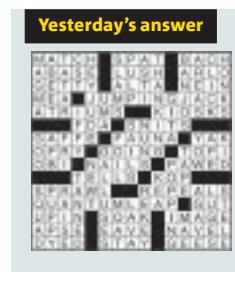
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- 32 Ukraine's capital
- 33 White heron
- 35 Get better
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- 48 Rule
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- 53 Umpire
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- 55 Fleeting
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- 58 Flawless

- 60 Rainwater pipe
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- 69 Type of test
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- 76 Monsieur's gesture
- 77 Carrie's "Star Wars" role
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- 79 Take a chair
- 80 Froggy
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- 92 Essential item
- 93 Big steel town

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Carroll at home in Seattle

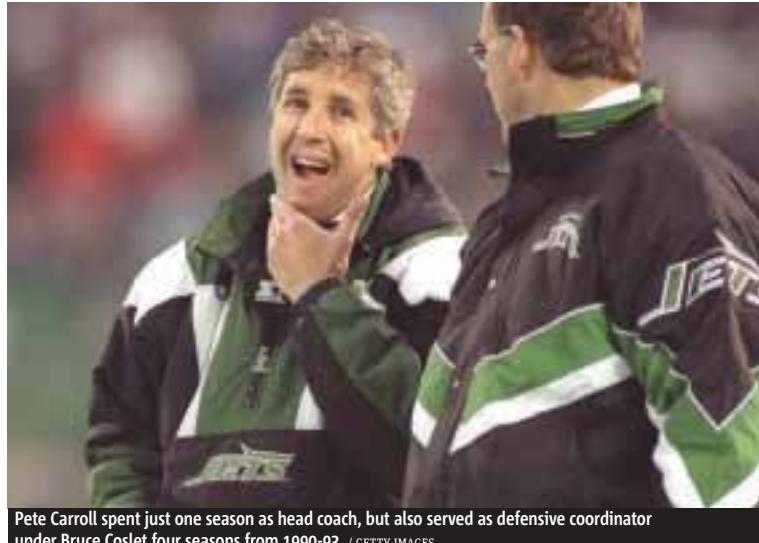
Super Bowl XLVIII.

The former Jets coach enjoyed his time in the city, but isn't dwelling on his past.

Before Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll reached his dream of being in the Super Bowl, he started his NFL head coaching career across the parking lot from the site of Super Bowl XLVIII at the old Giants Stadium.

But it was a short-lived ascent for Carroll, who started 6-5 with the Jets in his first NFL head coaching job in 1994 — only to finish with five straight losses and a pink slip after one season.

"To have a chance to be a head coach in New York is an extraordinary honor because of the history and the following and all that goes along with that," Carroll said.



Pete Carroll spent just one season as head coach, but also served as defensive coordinator under Bruce Coslet four seasons from 1990-93. / GETTY IMAGES

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"Any time you do an event of this magnitude in the New York-New Jersey area, you're going to get a great performance by the people and by the spirit of the area."

Pete Carroll, on playing the Super Bowl in the New York-New Jersey area

special honor to do that."

It's a tenure Carroll told the media he's not dwelling on now back in East Rutherford, N.J., for the biggest moment of his career.

"You know, I think I do a pretty good job of not doing that," Carroll said. "I don't really care about trying to figure out where we are right now, just keep moving forward. Someday we'll look back and that's when you can kind of make an assessment of what's happening."

Carroll has found the same kind of success in Seattle he had in his tenure at USC — where he was an icon after winning two national titles.

"The entire community of Seattle has embraced the Seahawks and all groups have joined in," Carroll said. "The 12th man is real."

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NFL notes

While most of the football media gather in New Jersey for Super Bowl XLVIII, a few nonplayoff teams were making coaching changes under the radar Wednesday.

- The Rams fired defensive coordinator Tim Walton, according to ESPN. But the bigger news may be that they will reportedly hire **Gregg Williams** as his replacement. Williams found himself at the center of the Saints' bounty scandal last season. He was suspended for the 2012 season — when he was also supposed to be the Rams' defensive coordinator.
- The Cowboys shuffled Monte Kiffin out of the defensive coordinator job in favor of **Rod Marinelli**, though Kiffin will remain with the team. Dallas was last in total defense this season.



Gregg Williams
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Manning could be in Seattle now — sort of

Super Bowl XLVIII.

Pete Carroll talked about pursuing the Denver QB as a free agent in 2012, but it didn't last long.

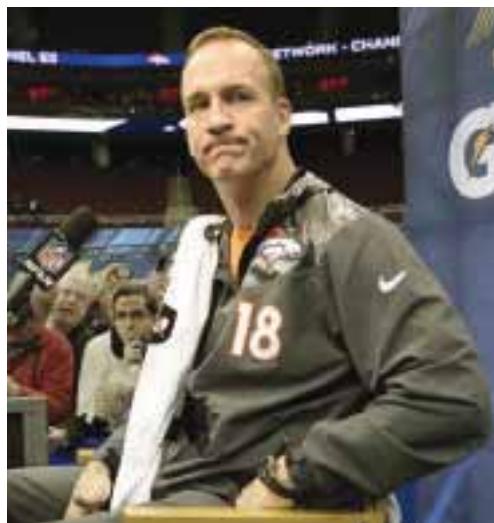
When Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts parted ways in 2012, he quickly became the most in-demand quarterback in the league.

The Seahawks, coming off a 7-9 season with Tarvaris Jackson as their signal caller, were one of the first in line. But apparently, Manning wasn't listening.

"Well, it was brief," Carroll joked Wednesday about the pursuit to laughs from the media.

Tennessee, San Francisco and, of course, Denver quickly rose to the top of Manning's list.

"In this free agency opportunity, here's Peyton Manning. So we started the process, to make



Peyton Manning quickly struck up a relationship with John Elway, who brought him to play for the Broncos last season. / GETTY IMAGES

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Tarvaris Jackson threw 14 TD passes in 2011 for Seattle. Peyton Manning had that many touchdowns by Week 4 in 2013.

ing. [I] jumped out of bed and [said], 'OK, let's go. What's up Peyton?' So we started talking. We talked about the basics of what it might mean for him coming to us; so the process was underway. It was very early, he had said that he didn't know what he was going to do, he didn't know where he was going to visit, he didn't know what was going to come up, but he wanted to at least hear where we stood and what our interest was."

But the process, as Carroll told it, basically ended there once Manning's agent didn't talk about a visit.

"It was very brief. It was fun for a while, with the magnitude of the player, and the background and all of that," Carroll said. "We were just going to follow through on it. We did that and it was over."

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an effort, to see if there would be some kind of connection here for us," Carroll said. "Word got out and really he called me first. He knew that we were interested. He gave me a call [and] woke me up one morn-

That's enough

Lynch cuts media session short again

Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch gave it the old college try again on Wednesday with his media responsibilities.

One day after Lynch walked off the podium after just six minutes, he gave the media a grand total of seven minutes on Wednesday.

"I appreciate [the attention], but I just don't get it," Lynch told

reporters. "I'm just here so I don't get fined."

Both media sessions were mandatory.

Lynch refused to talk to the Seattle media all season and was fined \$50,000 as a result.

Head coach Pete Carroll was asked about Lynch, who literally climbed over chairs to get away from reporters and wore headphones — though not over his ears — throughout the session.

"We have obligations that we



LYNCH PREFERENCES TO DO HIS TALKING ON THE FIELD.
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try to fulfill the best we can," Carroll said. "I don't know how we can look at this any other way — not everybody is the same. In our program we understand that, to a point that we made the statement that we celebrate the individuality and the uniqueness of our guys. I think that we would like to comply and do everything that we can to the best of our abilities, but we are who we are." **MARK OSBORNE**

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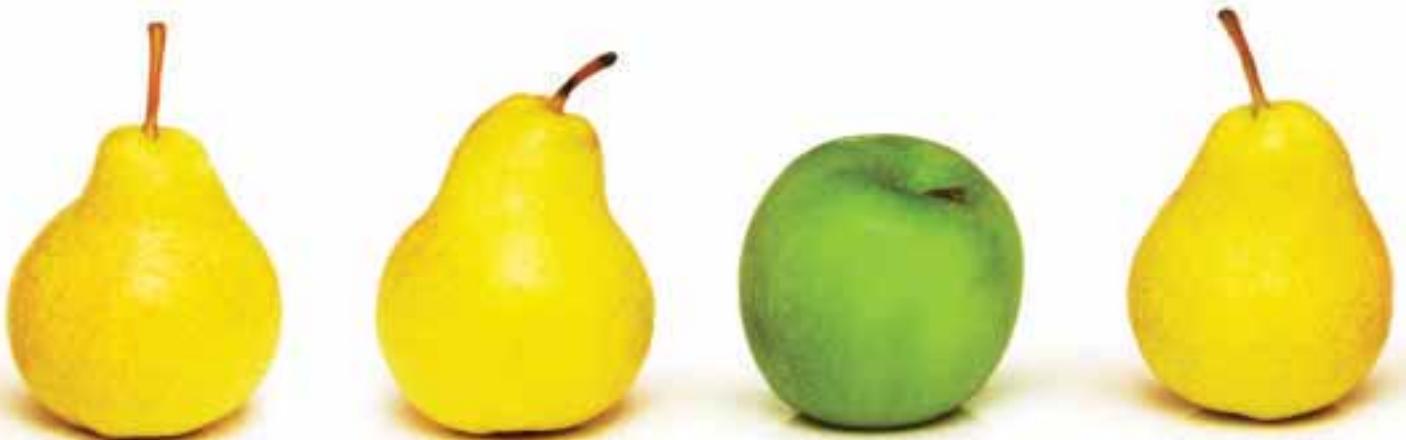
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